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Sri Lanka: Whether a citizen of Sri Lanka is able to obtain a National Identity Card (NIC) while outside of Sri Lanka
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The following information was obtained during a 1 December 2006 telephone interview with an official at the High Commission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in Ottawa, Canada.

Sri Lankan citizens living abroad are not able to obtain an initial National Identity Card (NIC) nor a replacement NIC through Sri Lanka's high commissions and embassies. Sri Lankan citizens living abroad wishing to obtain a NIC must return to Sri Lanka and follow the local, "grassroots-level" application procedures for obtaining the card.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection.

Reference

Sri Lanka. 1 December 2006. High Commission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Ottawa, Canada. Telephone interview with an official.

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